

# People Making Community

St John's in the City

Name	Address	Cell Phone	Home Phone	What's App	Email	Emergency Family/Local Contact

- Wash your hands properly and frequently
- Cover your mouth if you sneeze or cough
- Stay home if you are sick
- Ask for help if you need it
- Set up a messaging group if you have smart phones
- Notice what is going on

# Responding to Covid 19 With Neighbourhood Clusters

Churches already have systems in place to promote communication and help between church members. We want to look outwards and help the wider community as it prepares for Covid 19. Doing this for everybody is a logistical nightmare, so we need additional ways of doing this.

What is achievable is that church members initiate forming small clusters of neighbours who help look after each other. Maybe the looking after includes collecting food for somebody who is self-isolating. Maybe it's just the comfort in knowing that help is close by or a phone call away.

**Who is in charge?** There doesn't have to be anyone in charge, but somebody (probably you) needs to get out and make contact with people, gather the information, and then get it processed.

**How many neighbours in a cluster?** Maybe four to eight houses is a good number.

**Who will type up the information and print it out?** If this is something you don't have capacity to do yourself, then let the St John's Church Office know and they will sort this out.

**Who will distribute the filled in information sheets?** That is something for the organiser (maybe you) to do.

**What is WhatsApp?** WhatsApp is a messaging system on smart phones and computers. There are many others. The beauty of these messaging systems is that you can quickly and easily set up a messaging system just for your cluster of neighbours. This means that conversations can be had with all of them at the same time. So instead of having to ring or visit each person individually it can all be done there. This also works if somebody is at work, away from home or at home.

**Why collect information about a family or local contact?** Well if something goes wrong, then there is a way to get in contact with someone else. If the contact is family then add a "F." If the contact is local, then add a "L."

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